

'Disciplined' Delaney waits to see Hughes

JOHN DELANEY, two-goal hero in Wycombe Wanderers' classic F.A. Amateur Cup defeat of holders Enfield at Loakes Park last Saturday, is out of the England squad to meet France on Wednesday, February 17, for disciplinary reasons. The game is being played on Dulwich Hamlet's Champion Hill ground.

Team manager Charles Hughes also omitted the Wycombe skipper from the Great Britain Olympic squad due to play against Preston North End on Monday night.

Delaney however remains in the training squad meeting at Bisham Abbey on Sunday, when Mr. Hughes is expected to explain the reasons for his disciplinary actions.

Meanwhile Delaney, who represented Berks and Bucks F.A. against the Kent F.A. at Maidenhead in mid-week, is waiting until he sees Mr. Hughes at the weekend. "Until then I can't pass any real comment," he told the 'Free Press'.

His last appearance for either of Hughes' sides was on Monday, January 25 when, soon after putting the Olympic squad

one up on an Irish F.A. XI in 13 minutes, he went off injured.

ENGLAND SQUAD: J. Swannell (Hendon), I. Wolstenholme (Slough); P. Fuschillo (Wycombe), D. Gamblin (Leatherhead), C. Tilley, J. Payne (Enfield), E. Powell (Wycombe), K. Mead (Slough), D. Smith (Prestwich Heyes), P. Clemence, P. Hardcastle (Skelmersdale), R. Day (Slough), R. Haider (Hendon), L. Pritchard (Wycombe), K. Gray (Enfield), P. Diwell (Leystonstone).

DARBY PICKED FOR MONEY JOB

FRANK DARBY, Wycombe Combination Registration secretary, will be relinquishing his post soon to take over the new appointment of full-time organiser in charge of Wycombe Wanderers' fund raising schemes.

Mr. Darby, 44, of Abbey Barn Road, High Wycombe, is also secretary to Wycombe Combination champions, Flackwell Heath, but will also be stepping down from this position to take up his duties with Wanderers' from March 1.

He was selected from a list of seven applicants, all of which were of a good standard, Wycombe secretary Bert Crump tells me.

As promoter of the Flackwell Heath-Lane End draw, Mr. Darby has had experience of fund raising projects in the past, and his appointment should enable the club to start thinking about other such schemes.

The money gained from the 12 months ending November 1970—the first year of the New Development Fund scheme—is being invested and a balance sheet should be ready reasonably soon for members to see.

"We are quite pleased with the results", Mr. Crump said.

... and sits it out at Didcot

WITH little Hellenic League club, Didcot Town promising to attack, and skipper John Delaney out after receiving a knock in Wednesday night's Berks and Bucks game, Wycombe Wanderers are not the 100 per cent sure-shots that might at first have been imagined for tomorrow's County Senior Cup visit. (2.45 p.m. kick off).

The trip, postponed from a fortnight ago, sees Wanderers as favourites nonetheless to ensure a semi-final clash with Wokingham Town at Loakes Park.

Another absentee is Geoff Anthony, who gains a further Welsh cap in the amateur international against Scotland at Rhyl, North Wales tomorrow.

Anthony, who also represented the Allied Counties on Wednesday is in the strange position of holding down his place in both the County F.A., and his national side, but still without being assured a regular spot in his club team.

Midfield man, Barry Baker, injured in the Amateur Cup victory over Wealdstone, was hoping to start back into light training last night.

He has been attending the Farnham Common Rehabilitation Centre for treatment on his injured right leg twice a week, and is eager to work his way back to fitness.

ALL-OUT DIDCOT

Didcot Town player-manager George Pullin declared this week: "We will go out to win," and so revealed his main tactic against Wycombe tomorrow on Didcot's Station Road ground, which is expected to be fit unless there is heavy rain.

His six words were intended as bait for supporters and as a motto for the team. Pullin believes if Didcot supporters turn out in sufficient numbers they can be a major factor in Didcot's long shot bid to topple the Isthmian League side.

Pullin — a former Wycombe defender, has often repeated of late, Didcot beat Wanderers in the Berks and Bucks Senior Cup in 1957. But can lightning strike twice?

Only two problems loom on the horizon. Left-half Danny Robertson suffered a knee injury in Didcot's last fixture against Amersham Town.

Robertson, superb as a tackler, is important in their attack and defence. Pullin was fairly hopeful he will pass fit after a work-out yesterday.

Less of a threat to Pullin's selection is an ear infection, which centre-forward Mick Bidmead has been suffering with during the past week. Bidmead is confident it will have cleared up by the end of the week.